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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed on February 27, 2001, have been received and considered by the examiner.

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference sign(s) not mentioned in the description: Reference sign 130, in Fig. 1. A proposed drawing correction, corrected drawings, or amendment to the specification to add the reference sign(s) in the description, are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Change of Address

1. The examiner has received the change of address filed on April 29, 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by

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the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Fleskes, U.S. Patent 6,529,910.

3. In considering claim 1, Fleskes discloses a system for allowing a user to customize an Internet web site having predetermined features, the system comprising:

- a) a server that is connected to the Internet and that controls the web site, (col. 6, lines 47-55, also see Fig. 1);
- b) a web page forming component 26, for forming a personal web page incorporating one or more predetermined features in response to an input provided by the user via the Internet, (col. 3, lines 8-17, also see Fig. 1);
- c) a personal web page comprising a private component accessible only by the user and a public component accessible to anyone, wherein the user's input determines which of the features appear in the private component and which of the features appears in the public component, (col. 13, lines 16-21).

4. In considering claim 3, the system of Fleskes further comprises a single action component, wherein the user may add one or more web site features to the personal web page with a single action, (col. 10, lines 13-16).

5. In considering claim 4, the system of Fleskes further comprises an annotation component that allows the user to create and store a comment related to one of the features in the personal web page, such that the comment may be later accessed, (col. 10, lines 20-23).

6. In considering claim 6, the web page-forming component disclosed in the system of Fleskes further comprises a construction component to guide the user through the formation of the personal site, (col. 10, lines 5-7).

7. In considering claim 7, the system of Fleskes further comprises a tracking component that changes the personal web page to reflect changes in the web site, (col. 2, lines 54-60, and col. 3, lines 8-17).

8. Claims 8, 10-12, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Fleskes.

9. In considering claim 8, Fleskes discloses a method for allowing a user to customize an Internet web site having particular features, the method comprising:

- a) connecting to a server via the Internet to access the web site, (col. 6, lines 47-55, also see Fig. 1);
- b) providing an input to the web site via the Internet, wherein said input initiates a web page forming component 26, for forming a personal web page

incorporating one or more predetermined features in accordance with the input (col. 3, lines 8-17, also see Fig. 1);

- c) a personal web page comprising a private component accessible only by the user and a public component accessible to anyone, wherein the input determines which of the features appear in the private component and which of the features appears in the public component, (col. 13, lines 16-21).

10. In considering claim 10, the method of Fleskes further comprises a single action component, wherein the user may add one or more web site features to the personal web page with a single action, (col. 10, lines 13-16).

11. In considering claim 11, the method of Fleskes further comprises an annotation component that allows the user to create and store a comment related to one of the features in the personal web page, such that the comment may be later accessed, (col. 10, lines 20-23).

12. In considering claim 12, the method of Fleskes further comprises the step of automatically updating the personal web page, (col. 10, lines 38-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 2, 5, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleskes, and further in view of Hickman, U.S. Patent publication 2002/0033564.

3. In considering claim 2, although the system of Fleskes shows substantial features of the claimed invention, it fails to explicitly disclose:

- a) providing biographical information on the user to be included in the public component.

Nevertheless, providing biographical information on a user to be included in a web page that may be viewed by the public would have been well known in the art at the time the invention was made. This concept is demonstrated in Hickman. The system of Hickman discloses a telephone user that can create web pages comprising:

- a) providing biographical information on the user in a web page that may be viewed by other individual users, (page 6, paragraph 68).

Thus, it would have been apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the present invention, to modify the teachings of Fleskes with Hickman to have the user provide biographical information to be included in the public component. This would have allowed the public to verify that the information displayed on the web site is coming from a reliable source, Hickman, page 6, paragraph 68, Fleskes, col. 12, lines

46-54. Therefore, the claimed invention (claim 2) would have been an obvious modification of the methods disclosed by Fleskes in view of Hickman.

4. In considering claim 5, although the system of Fleskes shows substantial features of the claimed invention, it fails to explicitly disclose:

- a) allowing a third party to access the public component from the web site in a single action.

Nevertheless, allowing a third party to access a public component from a web site in a single action would have been well known in the art at the time the invention was made. This concept is demonstrated in Hickman. The system of Hickman discloses a telephone user that can access a web server 28 comprising:

- a) allowing an individual to access a public component on the web server by means of a hyperlink included on the home page, (page 6, paragraph 68).

Thus, it would have been apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the present invention, to modify the teachings of Fleskes, col. 20, lines 24-29, with Hickman to have a third party access the public component from the web site in a single action, or by means of a hyperlink. This would have provided an efficient means for the public to access the public component of the web page. Therefore, the claimed invention (claim 5) would have been an obvious modification of the methods disclosed by Fleskes in view of Hickman.

5. Claim 9, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fleskes, and further in view of Hickman.

6. In considering claim 9, although the method of Fleskes shows substantial features of the claimed invention, it fails to explicitly disclose:

- a) providing biographical information on the user to be included in the public component.

Nevertheless, providing biographical information on a user to be included in a web page that may be viewed by the public would have been well known in the art at the time the invention was made. This concept is demonstrated in Hickman. The system of Hickman discloses a telephone user that can create web pages comprising:

- a) providing biographical information on the user in a web page that may be viewed by other individual users, (page 6, paragraph 68).

Thus, it would have been apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the present invention, to modify the teachings of Fleskes with Hickman to have the user provide biographical information to be included in the public component. This would have allowed the public to verify that the information displayed on the web site is coming from a reliable source, Hickman, page 6, paragraph 68, Fleskes, col. 12, lines 46-54. Therefore, the claimed invention (claim 9) would have been an obvious modification of the methods disclosed by Fleskes in view of Hickman.

Conclusion

1. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Fleskes, U.S. Patent 6,529,910 discloses a system and method for automatically generating customized web pages.

Hickman, U.S. Patent publication 2001/0033564 discloses creating a web page by means of a telephone user.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hassan Phillips whose telephone number is (703) 305-8760. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess can be reached on (703) 305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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